

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of February 18, 2010**

The February meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Brian Baker, Bob Carter, Tim Duffy, George Foster (arrived late), Ken Kroko, Barbara Miller-Richards (arrived late), and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioners Charles McDaniel and George Solley. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of January 21, 2010 were unanimously approved. A correction was made to the January 21, 2010 minutes in reference to the Riverfront Park. Last sentence to read:

***Dr. Antozzi reported that the chain link fence is temporary.***

- II. **Public Comment:**

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, addressed the Commissioners. He thanked Chairman Baker for the idea of having memorial benches in all of the city parks.

A presentation was made by Ms. Kimbra Kincheloe, Executive Director, Dog Mart Event Organizers Lionhearts, Inc. and Mr. Buck Cox requesting a waiver to use Riverfront Park on October 2, 2010 for the Fredericksburg Dog Mart Event. The Riverfront Park Policy restricts the scheduling of events on subsequent weeks. On September 25, 2010 the weekend prior to the Dog Mart event, an Art Festival is scheduled. Kim Kincheloe stated that she began working with Karen Hedelt in November 2009. The Commissioners questioned Ms. Kincheloe and Mr. Cox on attendance, the animal traffic, vendors etc. Commissioner Baker recommended Old Mill Park as an alternative site that will accommodate the event and offer adequate parking. Ms. Kincheloe and Mr. Cox stated that they prefer the Riverfront Park site because of the location to the downtown merchants. Kim Kincheloe, Buck Cox and the Commissioners agreed that having limited use of the park was a possibility. Commissioner Baker thanked Ms. Kincheloe and Mr. Cox for their presentation and stated that the Commissioners would respond as soon as possible to their request.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Foster to approve limited use of the Riverfront Park property for the Fredericksburg Dog Mart on October 2, 2010, subject to the restrictions set at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Staff.***

- III. Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Financial Report – January 2010  
Sports Report – January-February 2010  
Leisure Report – February-March 2010  
The follow-up Report

- IV. Noteworthy Dates:** The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips. No discussion.

- V. Old Business:**

- A. Pathways** – Dr. Antozzi presented the Commissioners with a map of the Rappahannock Heritage Trail. Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) reviewed the map earlier in the day. On March 4, 2010, the map will be displayed at the Maury Commons Building for public viewing. An engineer from Gordon Associates will be there to address any questions. In April, a presentation will be made to the Planning Commission and the ARB. Dr. Antozzi reported that the construction drawings are 95% complete. The construction timeframe is April, however, it will depend on final approval of environmental permits, easements, and a meeting with Dominion Power to discuss power poles and guide wires.
- B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – Dr. Antozzi reported that Patricia Wolfey is no longer with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. The new contact person is Chuck Brady.
- C. Riverfront Park** – No further discussion.
- D. Policy on Alcohol at DHCC** – Commissioner Baker reported that at this time he was unable to schedule a speaker from the ABC Board.

- E. Youth Sports Policy and Procedures** – No discussion.
- F. Dixon Park Policy/Facility Use Contract** – The Commissioners requested a copy of the proposed field rental fees for the March 18, 2010 meeting.
- G. General Park Policy** – The Commissioners discussed and agreed that the General Park Policy, page 1, paragraph 3 should read:

***“Alcohol beverages as defined by the ABC Board.”***

**VI. New Business:**

- A. External Funding For Aquatic Center Projects and Recognition** - Commissioner Baker and Dr. Antozzi presented the Commissioners with a draft outline for developing a concept in agreement among the Recreation Commission in regards to private and public funding to support the City pool. The outline as written will be refined and then presented to the City Manager.

**VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:**

Commissioner Miller-Richards asked if we have had any information on the 2011 budget. Dr. Antozzi reported that the City Manager has prepared the 2011 budget; however, the information has not been shared with staff.

Commissioner Kroko asked about receiving recently updated final copies of policies by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission

 _____ Robert Antozzi, Director	<u>3/18/10</u> Date
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Next Commission Meeting Thursday, March 18, 2010.